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SUBJECT: SFSP Policy # 01-2005: Emergency Feeding in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in Areas Affected by Hurricane Katrina

TO: Special Nutrition Programs
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This memorandum is to announce the Child Nutrition Division's policy for SFSP operations in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. It applies to all operations under the SFSP, including the simplified SFSP and the seamless summer operation component of the National School Lunch Program. We will continue to monitor the situation in these areas, and provide updates and extensions as appropriate.

During the month of September, in areas devastated by Katrina, or where significant numbers of persons displaced by the disaster are being housed, State agencies (SAs) may waive, for any individual facility serving displaced children, any sponsor or site application requirements, including area eligibility requirements. In addition, in areas devastated by Katrina, and in any area where the disaster has disrupted the normal availability of foods and it is not possible to follow the meal pattern, SAs may permit appropriate flexibility to sponsors and sites in meeting the meal pattern requirements.

After September 30, 2005, in any area where schools remain closed due to Hurricane Katrina, the SA may permit sponsors to operate an emergency SFSP in non-school sites. If, however, a school is the only public building that could operate effectively as a site in a particular area, the SA may waive the statutory limitation of this provision. In accordance with current regulations, the SA may waive any sponsor or site application requirements. In addition, in these areas, where the disaster has disrupted the normal availability of foods and it is not possible to follow the meal pattern, SAs may permit appropriate flexibility to sponsors and sites in meeting the meal pattern requirements.

Finally, for any sponsor operating sites during August 2005 in an area devastated by Hurricane Katrina, August claims can be submitted by December 31, 2005, without a request for waiver of the 60-day deadline due to good cause.

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If there are any questions concerning this policy, State agencies should contact their Regional office.

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